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# H. R. 2743

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 1995

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Border Infrastructure  
5       Improvements Act of 1995”.

6       **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation  
8       may make grants to States, cities, and counties for high-

1 way, railroad, bridge, and border crossing construction  
2 projects—

3 (1) that are located in the United States in the  
4 vicinity of the border between the United States and  
5 Mexico and the border between the United States  
6 and Canada; and

7 (2) that are necessary to accommodate in-  
8 creased traffic resulting from implementation of the  
9 North American Free Trade Agreement.

10 (b) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall se-  
11 lect projects for grant assistance under this section on the  
12 basis of the demonstrated need for assistance to accommo-  
13 date increased traffic resulting from implementation of the  
14 North American Free Trade Agreement.

15 (c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost  
16 of projects for which grants are made under this section  
17 shall be 80 percent.

18 **SEC. 3. GRANTS AS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.**

19 A grant approved by the Secretary under this section  
20 shall be a contractual obligation of the United States to  
21 pay the Federal share of the cost of the project.

22 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
24 this Act for each fiscal year beginning after September  
25 30, 1996, \$400,000,000 from the Highway Trust Fund

1 (other than Mass Transit Account). Such sums shall re-  
2 main available until expended. Funds authorized by this  
3 section shall not be subject to any obligation limitation.

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